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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2001, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the Requested Amendments shown below should be entered because they place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise new issues.

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method of manufacturing a separator for a fuel cell comprising:

preparing a raw material by mixing a carbon, an epoxy resin and a phenolic resin, wherein said phenolic resin is different from said epoxy resin, and further wherein an amount of a hydroxyl group of said phenolic resin in the raw material mixture is sufficient to react